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For: CONSERVED HBV AND HCV SEQUENCES USEFUL FOR GENE
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MAIL STOP PETITIONS
Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is filed in conjunction with a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to generate a separate Continuation-In-Part application from the parent PCT application PCT/2004/019229 properly claiming the benefit of priority of US Provisional Application No. 60/638,294 filed December 22, 2004 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/478,076, filed June 12, 2003 from the application currently pending as U.S. 10/560,377.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the **Figures** are included in new Figure 15 enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.